

# SINGAPORE MISSION UPDATE

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Greetings from Singapore! We are thankful for another month to be a part of the great work at Four Seas College of Bible and Missions. This would not be possible without your unending prayers and support. Words cannot express how grateful we are for your continued support! The month of March began and ended as most, very busy. All the faculty at Four Seas College had speaking assignments on the first Sunday of the month. Brother Chin preached during the worship service at Lim Ah Pin Road church of Christ while brother Eddy Ee preached at Jurong, and I taught one of the adult Bible classes at Jurong. We are currently studying through the book of Romans and covered Romans 9:19-29 on that Sunday.

One of the many blessings of Four Seas College is being a part of the chapel service each morning before classes start for the day. A male student must present a sermon each day while being critiqued by an instructor as a part of his training to become a gospel preacher. The ladies also have their chapel service twice a month after classes to aid them in becoming teachers of ladies. This month's chapel services included four former students:

Earnest Lau - March 7, speaking on "Fruit of the Spirit"

Rance Parker (USA) - March 15, speaking on "The Momentum of a Disciple"

Alvin Lin - March 21, speaking on "A Day of Good Tidings"

Jerusalem Bacante - March 28, speaking on "Barnabas, The Encourager"

Having former students such as these to come serves as great encouragement to current students. It was a privilege to have brother Rance, his now wife Chessa - also an FSC graduate (they got married in the US on March 21), along with his mother to visit with us from the US. I also had the opportunity to speak in chapel on the 14th.

Jessica and I were blessed to be invited to attend the wedding of brother Chin's son, Andy, in Malaysia on the 11th. On March 10 we departed Singapore accompanied by brother Ee. It was truly a joyful experience to travel with him. Jessica had previously



Rance preaching

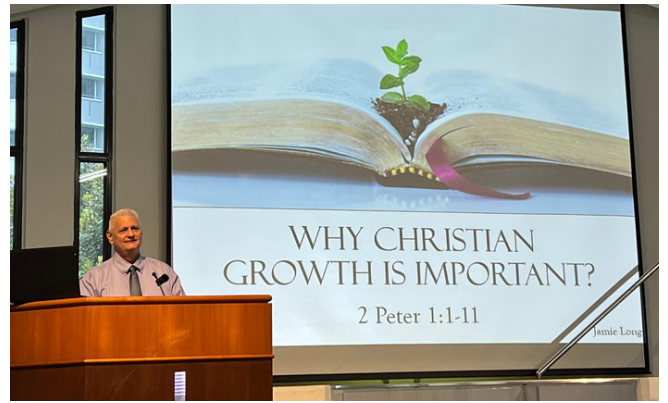
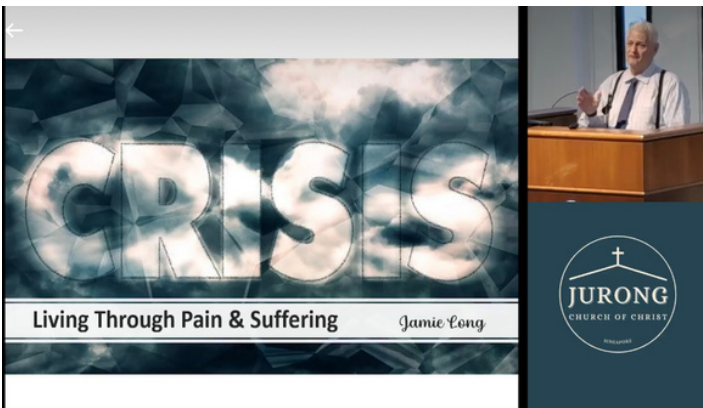
been there but this was my first time to go. This was also my first opportunity to witness an Asian wedding. It was a wonderful experience. We congratulate brother and sister Chin and Andy and Shiori. Not only were we privileged to attend the wedding ceremony, we also had a little time to visit the Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur. On Sunday the 12th we worshipped with the Klang congregation. One of the blessings of the trip was to be taken care of by brother Ong. He served as our "Grab ride" (as he said) for most of the trip. He treated us to the authentic Malaysian "Bak Kut Teh" cooked in a clay pot. It was delicious. It actually reminds me of my mother's "neckbone" soup back in Alabama. We appreciate brother Ong's hospitality. He is one of the elders of Klang COC.



On March 18, Jessica was invited to the young adult ministry program of JCOC to share and participate in their “Conversations on Challenges: Caregiving”. They talked about how caregivers go through a lot of unseen demanding responsibilities - physical, mental, and spiritual. Some of the questions they answered were: "Can we give care to these caregivers in our midst?" and "How can we as brethren give them the love and support they require as they silently provide the care for their loved ones?"

On March 20, very early morning, the Chins left for their travel to the US. They will give reports of their work here to their supporting congregations in the US and brother Chin also spoke for the Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship.

On March 20 and 21, we had our Midterm Test for the second half of the first term.



I was privileged to preach on two consecutive Sundays this Month at Jurong COC. On the 19th, I preached on the subject of “Living Through Pain and Suffering” and on the 26th, “Why Christian Growth is Important.” The elders at Jurong assigned the subjects for preaching this year with a focus on lessons to help brethren grow in the faith in 2023.

Jessica is currently helping critique the female students' chapel sermons while sister Chin is away. She is also doing some admin work for the college during this time. She has also been helping teach the kindergarten Sunday and Wednesday class in the Jurong congregation and March was her last month of teaching.



# CURRENT COURSEWORK AT THE FOUR SEAS COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND MISSIONS

2nd HALF OF FIRST TERM (FEBRUARY 27 - April 14, 2023)

## FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

LIFE OF CHRIST I  
ENGLISH GRAMMAR I  
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES  
OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

## SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS

HOSEA - MALACHI  
NEW TESTAMENT GREEK II  
PREACHER & HIS WORK V  
GENERAL EPISTLES OF PETER, JOHN, & JUDE

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KRUPASHEKAR SALAVADI & KISHORE KUMAR TATAPUDI



**Krupashekar Salavadi** a.k.a Krupa is 25 years old. He is from The Beginning church of Christ which is situated in the village of Patharlapahad, Suryapet district, state of Telanga, India. He was baptized on May 5, 2015. He came to FSC not just to learn sound doctrine but also to interpret the Bible correctly in order to solidify his foundational beliefs as well as nourish his spiritual life. He wants to become a full-time preacher in his home congregation and to establish a Bible college to train preachers in India.



**Kishore Kumar Tatapudi** is 28 years old. Just south of where Krupa is, Kishore lives in the same state with a 2021 FSC graduate, Suresh Sallapudi (featured on September 2021 report). His home congregation is the Rayavaram church of Christ which is in the district of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India. He was baptized on June 12, 2010, and has been helping his father in the work of the church since then. Kishore enjoys his study in FSC and found it interesting to be able to recite memory verses in the English language. Like Krupa, He also wants to become a full-time preacher when he goes back to India.



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Some snaps from this month 

